

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: CHUCK DEVICE OF CONTAINER,
TRANSPORTATION DEVICE WITH THE
SAME, AND CHUCK CLAW FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION DEVICE

Examiner: D. A. Hess

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 6, 2007 (Paper No. 20070618), Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-11 and 17-26 for continued examination, **with traverse**.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I: Claims 1-11 and 17-26, drawn to a gripper classified in class 194,
subclass 116, or

Group II: Claims 12-16 and 27, drawn to a conveyor having a gripper classified in class 198, subclass 474.1.

In response Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-11 and 17-26, drawn to a gripper with **traverse**. Claims 12-16 and 27 depend from the Group I claims and a search of one invention can disclose references for the Group II claims. Thus, Applicants submit that there is no undue burden of search to search both Groups.

Alternately, the Group II claims can be consider a species and claims 1 and 17 can be considered generic to that species.